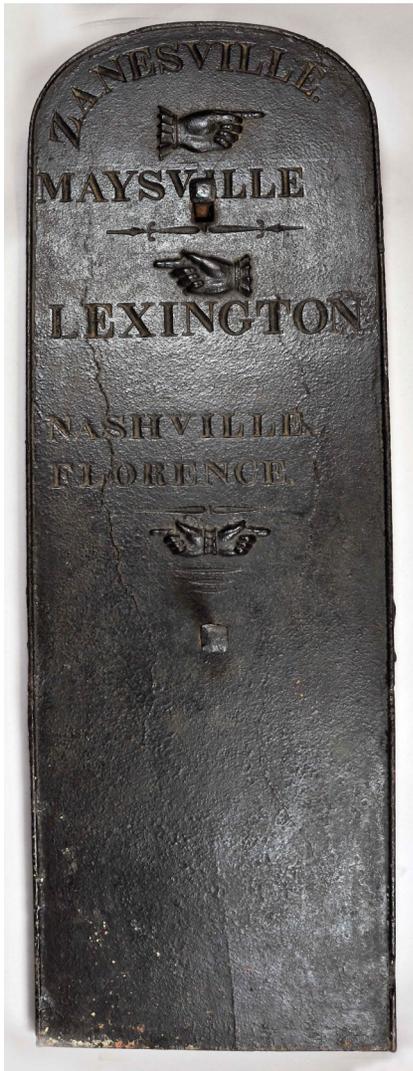


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NICHOLAS COUNTY: TOLLGATE ERA ENDS

One of the last tollhouses to operate in Kentucky was on the Maysville to Lexington Turnpike near the Nicholas-Bourbon county lines. The 67-mile road was completed in 1835 and had 13 tollgates (one every five miles). Privately owned toll roads were prevalent in 19th century Kentucky. Public outcry and violence (“Tollgate Wars”) in the 1890s led the Kentucky General Assembly to vote to provide a free turnpike system in 1896.

A cast iron mile marker from the Maysville and Lexington trace or turnpike. It may date to 1816. Kentucky Historical Society, Mrs. W.T. Lafferty and J.C. Taylor Collection. 1939.21.2.



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